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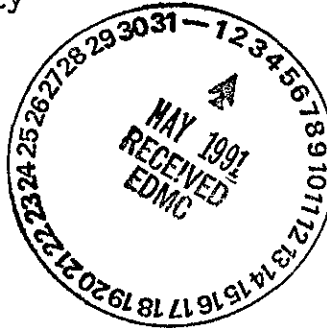
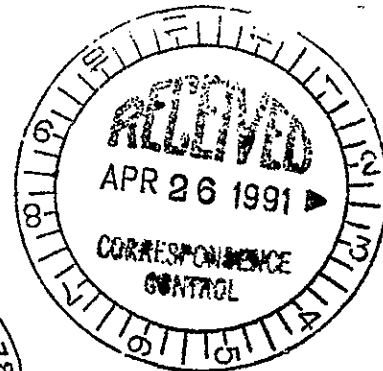
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Dear Messrs. Day and Nord:

REQUEST FOR A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF THE TIME ALLOTTED TO DISPOSITION REGULATOR
REVIEW COMMENTS ON THE 100-NR-1 AND 100-NR-3 OPERABLE UNIT WORK PLAN

This letter acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (DOE-RL) received your review comments on the Draft A Version Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation/Corrective Measures Study Work Plans for the 100-NR-1/-3 Operable Units on March 19, 1991. We appreciate your considerable effort to originate these comments.

Due to the large number of comments, 729 for the two work plans, it is not possible to appropriately disposition these comments within the time frame allotted for primary document review by the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement). We are, therefore, requesting that you grant an additional 60 days, for a total of 90 days, to provide resolutions to review comments.

In response to your proposal and discussions held on April 15, 1991, DOE-RL agrees that a unified approach could provide more effective site characterization and remediation feasibility investigation for the entire 100 N Area. During the Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Package negotiation meeting held on April 15, 1991, with the Washington State Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it was agreed that DOE-RL will prepare a Source Operable Unit Work Plan and a Groundwater Operable Unit Work Plan for the entire 100 N Area including 100-NR-1/-2/-3 Operable Units.

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Detailed description of the proposed change for the entire 100 N Area investigation strategy will be documented in the upcoming Tri-Party Agreement Change Control Package which is scheduled for submittal to you on May 1, 1991. Should the Change Control Package be approved, as proposed, work on the existing 100-NR-1/-3 Draft Work Plans would stop with documenting resolutions to the regulatory agencies' comments. Further work on these work plans would then be continued in a manner and schedule consistent with the Change Control Package.

We certainly remain committed to openly discuss any concern, proposal, or suggestion you may have, and look forward to continuing our close working relationship. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Paul Pak of the Environmental Restoration Division at (509) 376-4798.

Sincerely,


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